



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: As warm, dry conditions persisted, opportunities for spring tillage and planting were maintained. Dry pockets in pastures and cropland became more pronounced where no replenishing moisture events occurred, particularly in the San Luis Valley. The northeastern district was the exception, which received rain and snow showers. Conditions were again ideal for calving and lambing. As of April 6, mountain snowpack statewide was 67 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 52 and 54 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 64 percent average and 36 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 83 percent average, and 16 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley planted	8	4	18	22
Cows calved	70	59	72	69
Ewes lambled	65	54	60	59
Onions planted	16	2	21	30
Potatoes planted				
Outside San Luis Valley.....	25	9	2	6
Spring wheat				
Planted.....	13	6	9	16
Emerged	3	--	1	4
Sugarbeets planted	7	6	11	6
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	9	10	7	3
Jointed	3	2	4	6

(NA) – not available

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	5	5	10	19
Poor	35	37	27	22
Fair	30	24	35	33
Good.....	28	31	27	24
Excellent.....	2	3	1	2

(NA) – not available

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.0	6.1	5.3	5.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	16	18
Short.....	29	27	34	31
Adequate	62	64	49	49
Surplus	1	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	15	25	23
Short.....	34	34	33	32
Adequate	49	49	41	44
Surplus	2	2	1	1

(NA) – not available

(--)- zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock.....	0	3	23	65	9
Winter wheat	2	11	32	48	7

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